

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A sizing apparatus for determining the anterior-posterior size of a distal end of a femur comprising:

a block having a face engageable with the distal end of the femur, the block having an upper portion including a U-shaped member with two pads engageable with the distal end of the femur, and a rod extending ~~from an upper portion of the block~~ between the pads in a medial-lateral direction, the block having a base spaced apart from the rod;

a body having a longitudinal bore, the body slidably mounted on the rod relative to the block in a medial-lateral direction, the rod passing through an aperture of the body, the body having a lower surface slidably contacting an upper surface of the base of the block; and

a stylus having a shaft coupled to the longitudinal bore of the body and moveable in an anterior-posterior direction along the bore.

2. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a support connected to the block and engageable with a posterior surface of the distal end of the femur.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stylus includes an arm attached to the shaft, the arm having a stylus tip.

7. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body defines a window opening through which a portion of the shaft is visible.

8. (Original) The sizing apparatus of claim 7, wherein the shaft includes an indicator providing a reading on a scale affixed to the body adjacent the window opening.

9. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the lower surface of the body is slidably received in a U-shaped channel of the base.

10. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base is modularly connected with a support adapted to contact a posterior surface of the femur.

11. (Previously Presented) A sizing apparatus for determining the anterior-posterior size of a distal end of a femur, the apparatus comprising:

a block having an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper portion includes a U-shaped member with two pads engageable with the distal end of the femur, and a rod extending between the pads in the medial-lateral direction, and wherein the lower portion includes a surface engageable with the distal end of the femur, and a base;

a body slidably mounted on the rod and slidably supported on the base of the block for movement in the medial-lateral direction, the body having a longitudinal bore and a window opening; and

a stylus having a shaft slidably received in the bore for movement in an anterior-posterior direction.

12. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the base is coupled to a support that is adapted to contact a posterior surface of the femur.

13. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the base includes an opening modularly connected with an extension of the support.

14. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the base is integral with the support.

15. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 11 wherein the rod is modularly connected to the pads.

16. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the body includes a scale adjacent to the window opening.

17. (Currently Amended) A sizing apparatus for determining the anterior-posterior size of a distal end of a femur, the apparatus comprising:

a block having a face engageable with the distal end of the femur, the block having an upper portion including a U-shaped member with two pads engageable with the distal end of the femur, supporting a rod extending between the pads in the medial-lateral direction, and a lower portion having a base, the base being spaced apart from the rod;

a body having a lower surface slidably mounted on the base, the body having an aperture slidably receiving the rod, the body slidably contacting both the rod and the base and moveable relative to the block in a the medial-lateral direction; and

a stylus mounted on the body.

18. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 17, wherein the body is slidably engaged with a channel defined by the base.

19. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the channel is U-shaped.

20. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 17, wherein the face of the block is engageable with a resected surface of the distal end of the femur.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a size of a distal femur, the method comprising:

providing a sizing apparatus having a block, the block including a U-shaped member with two pads engageable with the distal end of the femur, a rod ~~affixed to the block~~ extending between the two pads in a medial-lateral direction, and a base, a body slidably mounted on the block in the medial-lateral direction and a stylus extending from a bore of the body, the bore extending in an anterior-posterior direction;

engaging a face of the block to the distal femur;

selectively sliding the body along the rod in a the medial-lateral direction;

sliding a lower surface of the body along an upper surface of the base selectively in the medial-lateral direction;

moving the stylus to bring a tip of the stylus in contact with an anterior surface of the distal femur; and

observing an indicator associated with the movement of the stylus.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the indicator may be observed through a window opening in the body.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising reading the size of the distal femur on a scale affixed to the body at a position of the indicator.

25. (Previously Presented) The sizing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the shaft includes an indicator viewable through the window opening.